

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**GENETIC CONTROL OF PLANT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☐ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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61 pages of specification and claims (including 54 numbered claims), and

22 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 12.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

**Application Number**

**Country**

**Day/Month/Year Filed**

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13 August 1997

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7 August 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on September 1, 1998 in prior application no. PCT/GB98/02383 filed August 7, 1998

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/485,529, filed March 1, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/GB98/20383, filed August 7, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC., Johnston, Iowa,

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

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